

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-mentioned application in view of the amendments above and the remarks following is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 7-15, and 20-34 have been amended, claim 16 and claim 35 have been cancelled without prejudice, and new claims 39-41 have been added. Support for new claims 39-41 is present in paragraphs [0013] and [0035], for example, of Applicants' specification.

After claim amendments, deletions and additions, claims 1-15, 17-34 and 36-41 are now pending in the application.

CLAIM OBJECTION

Claims 10-11 and 29-30 were objected to due to the use of the term "synchronized multi channel." Claims 10 and 29 have been amended to recite that the data streams are synchronized multimedia data streams. Claims 11 and 30 have been amended to recite that the data streams are synchronized with a radio signal. Support for these amendments is present in paragraphs [0032] and [0035], for example, of Applicants' specification, as further described below.

Current claims 10 and 29 relate to two data streams which are synchronized with each other. The synchronized data streams are detailed in paragraph [0032] of the application: "time synchronized video and audio data captured from the entire set of cameras, microphones and other sensors mounted in the vehicle". It is known in the art that synchronizing streams such as video

and audio streams can be performed by time-stamping video and audio packets thereof. Further, the application refers to audio and video devices as multi-media devices, producing multi-media streams.

Currently amended claims 11 and 30 relate to synchronizing the data streams with radio communication, which appears in paragraph [0035] of Applicants' specification: "At a later stage an investigative tool may be used to debrief each incident or event captured. This tool enables the review of the event or incident as it unfolds second by second providing all the data captured synchronized with radio transmissions or other communications made by each person or unit on the scene."

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the objection to claims 10-11 and 29-30 is hereby overcome.

CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 USC §102

Claims 1-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Anthony et al. (US 6,559,769). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection as set forth below.

Independent claim 1 is amended herein to claim an apparatus for recording and playback of an event associated with a transportation vehicle, from at least two synchronized data streams associated with the transportation vehicle, ... wherein at least one of the at least two capture devices is located in a

facility external to the transportation vehicle. Support for these amendments is present, for example, in original claim 16 and paragraph [0013] of Applicants' specification.

Applicants submit that Anthony fails to teach or suggest the feature of claim 1 of at least two capture devices for capturing the at least two synchronized data streams depicting activities associated with the transportation vehicle. Anthony discloses the transmission of a stream of audio/video signals that correspond to a real-time rendition of a physical event. *See, e.g., col. 4, lines 48-66.* However, Anthony does not disclose the at least two capture devices claimed in Applicants' claim 1, which capture at least two synchronized data streams depicting activities associated with the transportation vehicle. Anthony discloses capturing and transmitting streams, but no synchronization between the streams. Applicants' invention, however, provides the ability to fully reconstruct an event, second by second, using multiple synchronized data streams captured within or external to the event. Therefore, claim 1 is patentable over Anthony.

Additionally, Anthony fails to teach or suggest the feature of claim 1 of wherein at least one of the at least two capture devices is located in a facility external to the transportation vehicle. The main goal in Anthony is to depict an area, a car, a person, or the like throughout an event. The present invention, however, is suitable also for *fully reconstructing* the event, including activities

within the premises at which the event occurs, as well as activities external to the premises, such as the actions taken by rescue forces external to the events. While Anthony focuses on monitoring the premises or the person, Applicants' invention is also suitable for interrogating the event and the behavior of related entities. Thus, Anthony refers only to capturing devices associated with the vehicle, such as devices located on or within the vehicle, while Applicants' invention relates also to capturing devices detached and unrelated to the vehicle. For example, aspects of an event can be captured also from the communication network in a police car, a camera located on a fire fighter car, or any equipment, external and detached from the vehicle. Therefore, claim 1 is patentable for this additional reason.

Yet another difference between Anthony and the present invention is the location of the equipment: Anthony discloses capturing the streams and transferring them to a station, while the disclosed invention relates to on-site recording of the streams.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable over Anthony.

Independent claim 20 is patentable over Anthony for reasons analogous to those for claim 1.

Dependent claims 2-5 and 7-15 have been amended to be compatible with amended independent claim 1. Claims 21-23 and 26-34 have been amended to be compatible with amended independent claim 20.

Regarding the dependent claims, the applicant believes that the patentability of these claims follows at least for the reason of being dependent on the independent claims. However, additional limitations enhance the patentability of these claims, as described below.

Claim 11 and claim 30: Anthony discloses wherein the radio signal is a medium, or a channel for transferring or uploading the captured information. According to claims 11 and 30 of the present application, however, the at least two data streams are synchronized with radio signals, such as signals captured from a police communication network, which can be used as a source of information that may later be retrieved, and not as a medium for transferring other signals. Thus, claims 11 and 30 are patentable for this additional reason.

Claim 15 and claim 34: Anthony discloses wherein the capturing devices and the communication devices are located within the vehicle, but the recording device is located remotely, and receives the data through communication channels. Claims 15 and 34 of the present application, however, include the feature of wherein the recording device is located within the vehicle, to perform on-site recordation of the streams. Anthony fails to disclose this feature of the claims. Thus, claims 15 and 34 are patentable for this additional reason.

Claim 16 and claim 35 have been cancelled without prejudice.

New claim 39 and new claim 40 include the feature of wherein recording is initiated upon the deviation of the vehicle from a prearranged course. Claims 39 and 40 are patentable at least because of their dependence from claims 1 and 20, respectively.

New independent claim 41 claims an apparatus for monitoring and recording a data stream associated with a transportation vehicle, in which the recording device is located within the vehicle for recording the captured data stream. This is in contrast to the disclosure of Anthony in which the captured stream is transmitted to a control facility at which the stream is recorded. Accordingly, claim 41 is patentable over Anthony.

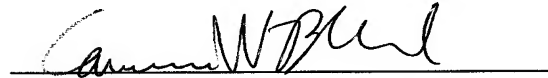
In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #101374.55365US).

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